



Questions and Answers with the IDEAL Program at Lipscomb University

Q: What skills should prospective students have prior to applying to your program?

A: Students who have basic reading and writing skills, functional communication skills, and a strong motivation to attend college typically do well in the program.

Q: What opportunities do you have for prospective students to visit campus?

A: Students may schedule a tour by emailing ideal@lipscomb.edu.

Q: What does the application process look like?

A: Students complete an online application and send in relevant paperwork such as reference letters, an IEP, and a psychological report. After application review, selected students will be invited to spend a day on campus.

Q: What types of academic and social supports does your program offer?

A: Our students audit two university classes and take two specialty courses per semester. They receive peer mentoring three times a week to help them complete their class assignments and stay organized. Peer mentors also exercise with them in the student activity center, eat lunch with them, and hang out in the student center.

Q: How do you ensure your students are actively involved with the greater college community?

A: Our students participate in all aspects of college life including academic classes, Greek life, the student activity center, intramural sports, and student support services. They are registered students, which gives them access to transcripts, financial aid, and other student services. Because of their on-campus internships, they are well-known throughout campus.

Q: How does your program differ from the other Comprehensive Transition Programs in Tennessee?

A: Lipscomb is a small, Christian liberal arts college that allows for a close community and a safe campus.

Q: What types of work experiences or employment opportunities does your program offer (paid/unpaid)?

A: Students have an internship every semester, with the first year being on campus and the second year being off campus.



Q: What sorts of outcomes have alumni of your program achieved?

A: 90% of our graduates work at least part time. One attends college as a traditional student and will graduate in May 2021. Several students are living on their own or with roommates.

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